

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 5 February 2019
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
 2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from January 9, 2019. Approved as amended.
 3. Communications Received:
 - a. Message from owner of 44 Lockland Road regarding fence restrictions.
 - b. Message from Eve Eisenberg, architect, regarding 17 Brantwood Road. A hearing will be held on March 5, 2019 at 8:00pm.
 - c. Inquiry from architect with New England Design about historical view process.
 - d. Warren MacNeill at 70 Brooks Avenue requesting inventory information about his house. When was the house built? When was it moved from Lake Street? Referred him to Historical Society.
 4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Received tax papers for filing purposes
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)-
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- January 24, 2019 held initial hearings for all of the applications. Next meeting is in February to vote on appropriation of funds.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – First report on Phase 2 -Study
- Historical Commission FY 2019 Budget- Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1-year demolition delay.
 - f. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Work started again. Review decision letter.
 - g. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
 - h. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- Progressing.
 - i. 32 Kensington Road -5/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - j. 81 Hillside Avenue- 9/18-Stange- Windows are in.

- k. 21 Teel Street-12/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- l. 456A Massachusetts Avenue- 12/18- Schaefer (sign for Bubble Nation). The sign is up.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Nothing to report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Planning grand opening in the spring.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Request for House marker for 15 Village Lane from Beth Kass.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm –Continued Hearing for 20 Belton Street.

The Commission was reopened the hearing for 20 Belton Street.

The owners presented examples of the window hoods to be restored and pictures of muntins were provided.

The Commission voted unanimously to require the following restorations:

- remove the applied muntins to be replaced with muntins that closely match the profiles of the original muntins on all windows;
- remove the new trim installed below all of the new windowsills – this trim is not original –and repair the siding;
- restore the original wooden window hoods. The samples presented to the Commission require refinements to match the original design. Advice was provided on matching the profile of the originals.
- restore the front vestibule sidelights to their original size and position in relation to the front door, rebuild the front walls as needed, and replace the large windows with windows that match the design and dimensions of the original windows.

Eric Stange will be the project monitor and will refer any problems to the Commission.

8:30pm- Public Forum-Discussion of the Town of Arlington Inventory of Historic Properties

In attendance: Jim Papa, Frank Armenio, Serena Crystal, Roy Crystal, Dana Ansel, Norma Osborn, Fareed Assarpour, Margaret Ficher(?spelling).

The discussion began with Chair JoAnn Robinson reviewing what led up to the additions to the Inventory. As a part of the response to the Town's Master Plan, the Historical and Cultural Resources Working Group (HCRWG) subcommittee was established. The subcommittee applied for a CPA Grant to look at the current Inventory and to create a plan to improve the Inventory.

First, the Arlington Department of Planning and Community Development applied to Massachusetts Historical Commission for a grant to add properties to the current Inventory.

The HCRWG worked with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to select properties to inventory.

Chair Robinson stated that the Arlington Historical Commission has regulatory authority to add to the Inventory. This is supported by Massachusetts General Law and by Arlington Bylaw Title 6, Article 6. The bylaw is very specific over jurisdiction.

Comments and Questions followed from Arlington homeowners (listed above).

Questions of the process for making changes to the exterior of buildings listed on the Inventory were answered.

Participants expressed concerns about the process of adding properties to the Inventory and the inclusion of the homeowners

The Commission reminded home owners that a public meeting held in June at the Senior Center. 70-80 home owners in the neighborhood were in attendance. All inventory sheets were reviewed September-December 2018.

Several home owners asked if their properties could be removed from the Inventory.

The Commission, as stated earlier in the meeting, reiterated that it is within the jurisdiction of the Arlington Historical Commission to designate properties for inclusion on the Inventory.

Several other questions came up about what it means to be home owners of properties that are listed on the Inventory.

The Commission feels that given the concerns expressed at the meeting that it would be best to write another letter to home owners who have had their properties added to the inventory that will explain in detail the work of the Historical Commission and provide information about our jurisdiction and hearing procedures. We will work with the Department of Planning and Community Development to do this.

Old Business:

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 10:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be March 5, 2019 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.